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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT MEASURES AGAINST USG INSTALLATIONS  
IN TURKISH CONTROLLED CYPRUS

REF: A. NICOSIA 2347 B. NICOSIA 2365

1. SUMMARY: TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC)  
REPRESENTATIVES ASSUMED EXTERNAM CONTROL OVER REGIONAL  
RADIO ORGANIZATION (RRO) AND FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION  
SERVICES INSTALLATIONS JULY 29 AND 30 RESPECTIVELY.

TURKISH CYPRIOT MILITARY GUARDING, PREVENTIHO ACCESS BY  
AMERICAN PERSONNEL. AMERICAN FLAGS REMOVED. TURKISH ARMY  
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LIAISON OFFICER CLAIMS TFSC ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF GOT, THUS

HOLDING TO TURKISH EMB LINE THAT TFSC IS SOVEREIGN. TURKS MOVING CIRCUMSPECTLY BUT DELIBERTLY AND WITH CLEAR POLITICAL PURPOSE. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO FORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM EITHER RFSC OR TURKISH EMBASSY REGARDING THESE MEASURES. END SUMMARY.

2. RRO: AT 1830 HOURS LOCAL JULY 29 SENIOR EMBASSY TURKISH-CYPRIOT LOCAL EMPLOYEE DOGHAN MEHMET WAS ORDERED TO REPORT TO NICOSIA HEADQUARTERS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT "FIGHTERS" (TMT) ORGANIZATION. HE WAS TOLD BY TURKISH CYPRIOT POLICE CHIEF THAT "SANCAKTAR" (MAINLAND COMMANDER OF TMT NICOSIA GARRISON) HAD DECIDED REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE PRESENT WHEN TFSC TOOK EXTERNAL CONTROL OVER YEROLAKKAS RRO STATION. MEHMET WAS THEN ESCORTED TO YEROLOKKAS WHERE, IN PRESENCE OF SANCAKTAR, TMT DETAIL BROUGHT DOWN AMERICAN FLAG "SLOWLY AND WITH HONOR." FLAG PRESENTED TO MEHMET FOR STORAGE AT YEROLOKKAS.

3. SANCAKTAR TOLD MEHMET THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT ARMED FORCES WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF STATION AND ITS CONTENTS BUT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER GROUNDS "UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES." HE ALSO SAID EMBASSY'S TURKISH CYPRIOT EMPLOYEES ON DUTY AT RRO COULD CONTINUE WORK AT PREMISES BUT COULD NOT TAKE ANYTHING IN OR OUT OF STATION. PASSES TO ENSURE EASY ACCESS WOULD BE ISSUED THESE EMPLOYEES. NO OTHER PERSON, INCLUDING SANCAKTAR HIMSELF, POLICE COMMANDER, ANY FOREIGNERS OR AMERICANS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENTER STATION. FINALLY, SANCAKTAR EMPAHSIZED TURKISH FLAG WOULD NOT BE RAISED OVER STATION AND TURKISH MAINLAND TROOPS WOULD NOT BE ON GUARD IN VICINITY.

4. FBIS: SIMILAR PROCESS TOOK PLACE JULY 30, WITH SIMILAR CAVEATS RE ADMISSION. RANKING FBIS TURKISH CYPRIOT LOCAL WAS PRESENT AT LOWERING OF AMERICAN FLAG (ALSO WITH APPROPRIATE HONORS). OFFICIAL TURKISH CYPRIOT PHOTO-GRAPHERS RECORDED EVENT.

5. TURKISH ARMY LIAISON REMARKS: EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE CALLED ON TURKISH ARMY LIAISON OFFICER MAJOR BERIC MOORNING JULY 30. BERIC SAID ARMY "WAS SURPRISED" AT TFSC MOVES  
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AGAINST USG INSTALLATIONS, THAT TFSC WAS INDEPENDENT ENTITY AND THAT GOT WAS NEITHER RESPONSIBLE FOR NOR CONSULTED ON ACTS OF TFSC. HOWEVER, BERIC ALSO NOTED THAT TFSC'S MEASURES WERE PROVISIONAL AND COULD BE CHANGED. BERIC'S LINE WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF TURKISH EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER WHEN, ON EVE (JULY 28) OF TFSC ACTION EMBASSY DELIVERED CAUTIONARY MESSAGE FOR ATTENTION TURKISH AMBASSADOR (NICOSIA 2347).

F 6. COMMENTS: AS OF COB JULY 30 EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO FORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM EITHER TFSC OR TURKISH EMBASSY REGARDING THESE MEASURES. SEVERAL INDICATORS OF TURKISH STRATEGY EMERGE FROM OUR FIRST DAY'S EXPERIENCE:

A. ALTHOUGH NOMINALLY TURKISH CYPRIOT, TMT IS UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF TURKISH MAINLAND MILITARY. NICOSIA. SANCAKTAR IS TURKISH ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL (IN TMT UNIFORM); IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT HE WOULD RESPOND TO ORDERS OF TFSC WITHOUT OBTAINING EXPRESS APPROVAL OF MAINLAND COMMAND. TURKISH EMBASSY AND MAINLAND MILITARY ALWAYS HAVE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT TFSC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS SUCH AS THAT OF JULY 29 WHICH DECIDED ON THIS ACTION.

B. BOTH GOT AND TFSC ARE MAKING EFFORT TO MAINTAIN FICTION THAT TFSC IS ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF MAINLAND. PURPOSE IS TO BOLSTER IMAGE OF SOVEREIGN TFSC IN INTLCR-NATIONAL POLITICAL ARENA AND IN DEALINGS WITH GOC.

C. THERE SEEM TO BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN GOT AND TFSC, AND WITHIN TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY ITSELF. FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS OF RECENT DAYS AND FACT THAT TFSC COUNCIL OF MEMBERS DEBATED MEASURES FOR FIVE HOURS WE SENSE SOME MISGIVINGS ON TURKISH SIDE. ALTHOUGH HARDLINERS (OREK, FOR EXAMPLE) NO DOUBT RELISH ACTIONS AGAINST AMERICAN FACILITIES, OTHERS IN TURKISH EMBASSY AND TFSC, WHILE AGREEING, ARE PROBABLY DOING SO MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER. HOWEVER, THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSENSUS THAT ACTIONS IN CYPRUS ARE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY.

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D. TURKS HAVE MOVED QUICKLY BUT CAREFULLY. TAKING EXTERNAL CONTROL OF YEROLOKKAS AND KARAVAS SITES WAS CARRIED OUT CIRCUMSPECTLY. SPECIAL ATTENTION (AND PUBLICITY) GIVEN TO SYMBOLIC ACT OF LOWERING AMERICAN FLAG. TURKS HAVE SOUGHT GIVE IMPRESSION OF INTENTION SAFEGUARD FACILITIES AND THEIR CONTENTS; CLEARLY IT WOULD NOT HELP TFSC CASE IF USG PROPERTIES SUBJECTED TO LOOTING WHICH IS NOW COMMON ELSEWHERE IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA. PURPOSE SEEMS TO BE TO SEAL OFF INSTALLATIONS WHILE AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG TURKS PLAN TO DENY ACCESS TO AMERICANS--AND WE DOUBT THAT TFSC ITSELF KNOWS AT THIS TIME. CRAWFORD

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